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## §535.403 Agreement provisions.

If the following information (necessary for the expeditious processing of the agreement filing) does not appear fully in the text of the agreement, it shall be indicated in an attachment or appendix to the agreement, or on the title page:

- (a) Details regarding parties. Indicate the full legal name of each party, including any FMC-assigned agreement number associated with that name; and the address of its principal office (to the exclusion of the address of any agent or representative not an employee of the participating carrier or association).
- (b) Geographic scope of the agreement. State the ports or port ranges to which the agreement applies and any inland points or areas to which it also applies with respect to the exercise of the collective activities contemplated and authorized in the agreement.
- (c) Officials of the agreement and delegations of authority. Specify, by organizational title, the administrative and executive officials determined by the parties to the agreement to be responsible for designated affairs of the agreement and the respective duties and authorities delegated to those officials. At a minimum, specify:
- (1) The officials with authority to file agreements and agreement modifications and to submit associated supporting materials or with authority to delegate such authority; and
- (2) A statement as to any designated U.S. representative of the agreement required by this chapter.

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## § 535.404 Organization of conference and interconference agreements.

- (a) Each conference agreement shall include the following:
- (1) Neutral body policing. State that, at the request of any member, the conference shall engage the services of an independent neutral body to fully police the obligations of the conference and its members. Include a description of any such neutral body authority and procedures related thereto.
- (2) Prohibited acts. State affirmatively that the conference shall not en-

gage in conduct prohibited by section 10(c)(1) or 10(c)(3) of the Act.

- (3) Consultation: Shippers' requests and complaints. Specify the procedures for consultation with shippers and for handling shippers' requests and complaints.
- (4) *Independent action*. Include provisions for independent action in accordance with §535.801 of this part.
- (b)(1) Each agreement between carriers not members of the same conference must provide the right of independent action for each carrier.
- (2) Each interconference agreement must provide the right of independent action for each conference and specify the procedures therefor.

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## § 535.405 Modifications of agreements.

The requirements of this section apply to all agreements except for marine terminal agreements and assessment agreements.

- (a) Agreement modifications shall be: filed in accordance with the provisions of §535.401 and in the format specified in §535.402.
- (b) Agreement modifications shall be made by reprinting the entire page on which the matter being changed is published ("revised pages"). Revised pages shall indicate the consecutive denomination of the revision (e.g., "1st Revised Page 7"). Additional material may be published on a new original page. New pages inserted between existing pages shall be numbered with an appropriate suffix (e.g., a page inserted between page 7 and page 8 shall be numbered 7a, 7.1, or similarly).
- (c) If the modification is made by the use of revised pages, the modification shall be accompanied by a page, submitted for illustrative purposes only, indicating the language being modified in the following manner (unless such marks are apparent on the face of the agreement):
- (1) Language being deleted or superseded shall be struck through; and,
- (2) New and initial or replacement language shall immediately follow the language being superseded and be underlined.